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THE 2016 STREET SHEET VOTER GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE 2016 STREET SHEET VOTER GUIDE!

This year, there are a whopping 25 measures on the ballot—just for San Francisco. Voters will be deciding on some of the most cynical measures to date, which directly attack homeless and low-income people.

The reality is that San Francisco is not invested in ending homelessness. We spend less than 3% of our budget on the most important issue facing our city.

This election year, politicians are using homeless people for political gain. They use "poitical wedges" with controversial issues, like homelessness, in order to get more conservatives on the ballot, and to win votes at the polls. In San Francisco, this strategy is used to shift the power of balance towards the financial and real estate industries—the same folks throwing hundreds of thousands of dollars into Prop Q, the initiative to take away tents from the most destitute San Franciscans.

We've picked out the propositions that will be directly impacting homelessness and affordable housing. We want you to know how you can vote to help solve homelessness, instead of keeping people on the streets.

We hope that you can use this guide to help you navigate through some of the propositions on the San Francisco ballot.

We need your help to stop families and artists in San Francisco from being displaced. To protect the rights of homeless people. To keep San Francisco a city for the people.

Join us and vote by November 8th to fight for human rights and housing justice for all.

THE STREET SHEET TEAM

THE SNAPSHOT

PROPOSITIONS THAT HELP SOLVE HOMELESSNESS — VOTE YES

PROP C
Housing Bond
Repurpose bond to make loans to buy and fix affordable housing.

PROP S
Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds
Sets aside $17 million of hotel tax to end family homelessness.

PROP J
Funding for Homelessness &Transportation
Sets aside about $50 million annually for homeless housing and prevention.

PROP K
General Sales Tax
Sales tax increase to pay for Prop J benefits.

PROP M
Housing and Development Commission
Creates oversight housing commission to decide how much affordable housing we have.

PROPOSITIONS THAT EXACERBATE HOMELESSNESS — VOTE NO

PROP Q
Prohibit Tents on Sidewalks
Builds no new housing and confiscates tents for one night in shelter, and displaces current shelter residents.

PROP R
Neighborhood Crime Unit
Takes police out of neighborhoods and conflates homelessness and criminal activity.

PROP P
Competitive Bidding
Snarls affordable housing in red tape and halts affordable housing.

PROP U
Affordable Housing Requirements
Developers take below market rate housing away from homeless and working class people.

PROP O
Bayview Offices
Vote against a special favor for Lennar Corporation on office development.

BY THE NUMBERS

THERE ARE **512,742** REGISTERED VOTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

THERE WAS A **56.59%** VOTER TURNOUT RATE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO PRIMARIES.

IN **CALIFORNIA**, REGISTERED VOTERS ARE

45.2% DEMOCRATIC
26.8% REPUBLICAN
23.4% NO PARTY

IN **SAN FRANCISCO**, REGISTERED VOTERS ARE

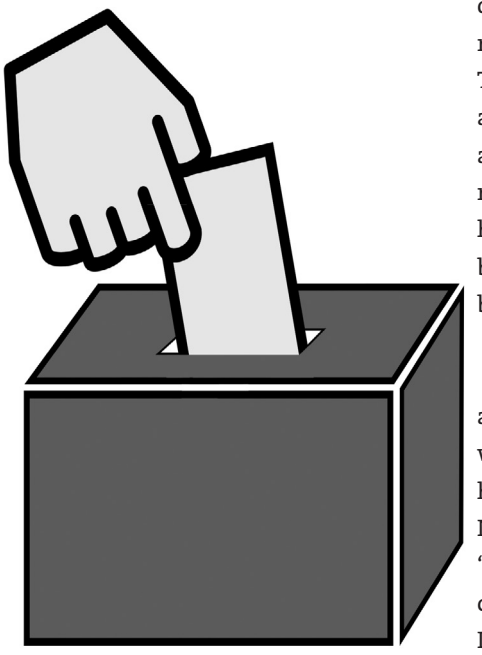
58.35% DEMOCRATIC
30.26% NO PARTY
7.46% REPUBLICAN

NUMBER OF **CITY-WIDE** PROPOSITIONS **25**

NUMBER OF **STATE-WIDE** PROPOSITIONS **17**

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Low-income and homeless people have registered to vote and voted at much lower rates than their wealthier counterparts. Homeless and low-income people face a myriad of obstacles, both legal and practical, in order to vote. Homeless people did not have the right to vote until 30 years ago, when a series of court cases, starting with *Pitts v. Black* (1984) established that a traditional residence was not needed to vote.



Because of these hard won battles, on today's ballot, you don't need an address or a P.O. box to vote. Instead, you can write down the name of a shelter or aeven just a cross street. Registering to vote, too, has become easier: While the voter registration form does ask for a driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security, it is not necessary to fill out that information. The registrar's office can provide a voter ID number which would allow someone to vote. That doesn't mean that all of the challenges that homeless people face to vote have been eliminated. But voting and being homeless is possible.

Homeless advocate and allies around the country have been working tirelessly to register homeless people to vote, including the National Coalition on Homelessness's "You Don't Need a Home to Vote" campaign and the Poor Magazine/ Decolonize Academy, who registered homeless mission residents.

COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS

The Street Sheet is a project of the Coalition on Homelessness. The Coalition on Homelessness organizes poor and homeless people to create permanent solutions to poverty while protecting the civil and human rights of those forced to remain on the streets.

Our organizing is based on extensive peer outreach, and the information gathered directly drives the Coalition's work. We do not bring our agenda to poor and homeless people: They bring their agenda to us. We then turn that agenda into powerful campaigns that are fleshed out at our work group meetings, where homeless people come together with their other community allies to win housing and human rights for all homeless and poor people.

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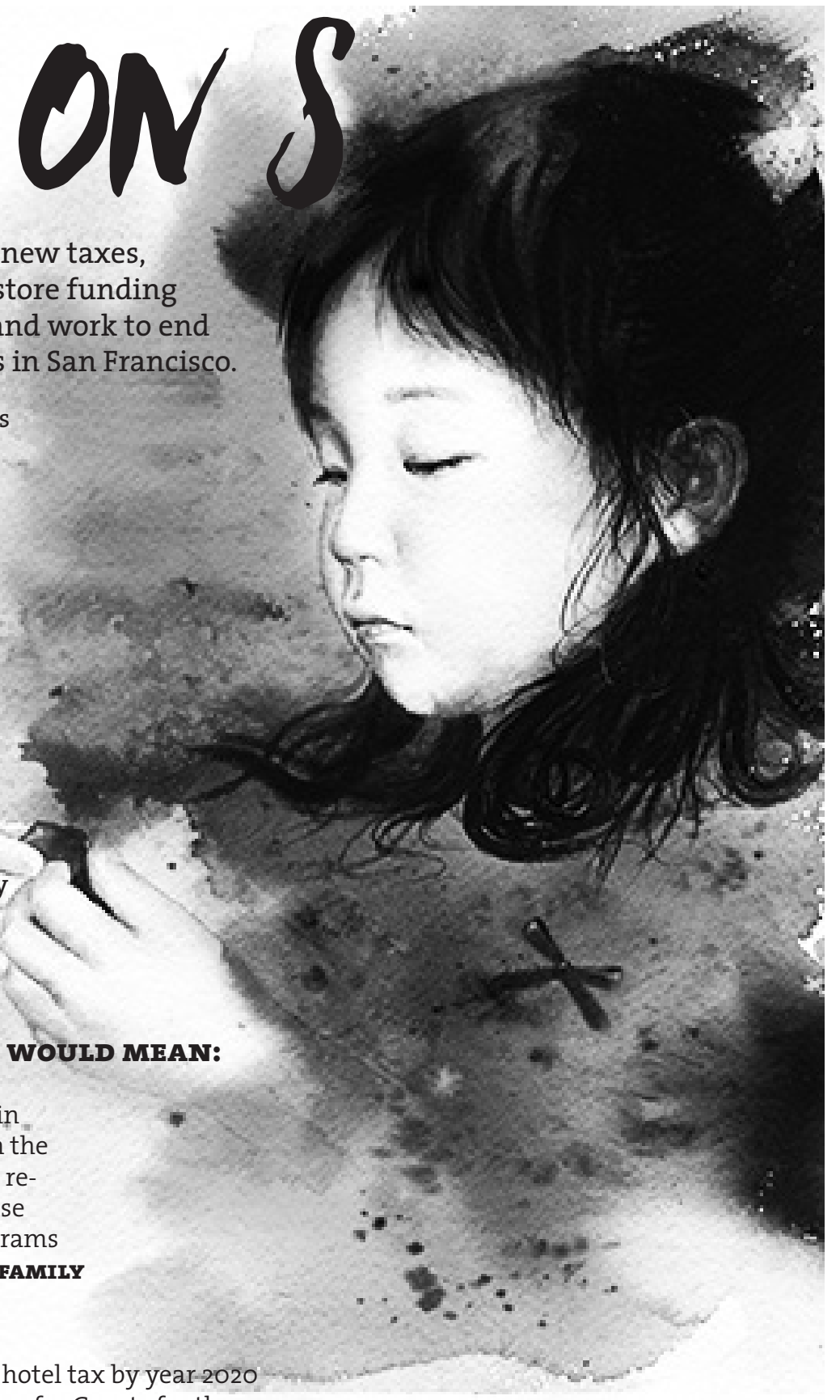

Without raising any new taxes, Proposition S will restore funding for arts and culture and work to end family homelessness in San Francisco.

Despite San Francisco's booming economic growth, homeless families are the fastest growing type of homelessness and our city has neglected to help the 1 in 25 homeless children in San Francisco Unified School District. Additionally, our artists and arts organizations are either being displaced at a disproportionately high rate, or are in the process of being displaced.

A VOTE FOR PROP S WOULD MEAN:

$18 MILLION DOLLARS in stabilized funding from the hotel tax towards rapid re-housing, eviction defense services and other programs that create an exit **FOR FAMILY HOMELESSNESS**.

Getting 17% of the total hotel tax by year 2020 that **INCREASES FUNDING** for Grants for the Arts, SF Arts Commission, neighborhood arts programs, **ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS** in underserved communities and maintenance of historic creative spaces by 137%.

The **RESTORATION** of a longstanding City policy to dedicate a portion of Hotel Tax Funds to the **ARTS** and another portion to **LOW-INCOME HOUSING.**

SAVE OUR ARTS AND FAMILIES

WORKGROUP MEETINGS

AT 468 TURK STREET

HOUSING JUSTICE WORK GROUP	Every Tuesday at noon
HUMAN RIGHTS WORK GROUP	Every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.
STREET SHEET ORIENTATION	Monday–Tuesdayfrom 9 a.m.–12p.m.
STREET SHEET DISTRIBUTION	Monday–Friday from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

To learn more about COH workgroup meetings, contact us at : 415-346-3740, or go at : www.cohsf.org

STREET SHEET STAFF

The Street Sheet is a publication of the Coalition on Homelessness. Some stories are collectively written, and some stories have individual authors. But whoever sets fingers to keyboard, all stories are formed by the collective work of dozens of volunteers, and our outreach to hundreds of homeless people.

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Prop Q would authorize the City to remove tent encampments given a 24 hour notice, but includes NO new housing.

Nobody should have to live in a tent and without stable, safe shelter. Homelessness ends with **housing**, and Prop Q will add **zero** housing units, shelter beds, or health services. There will still be waitlists over one year for housing placement. There will still be over **800** people waiting over one month simply for shelter. Prop Q will not give reprieve to the **250+ families** waiting over **7 months** for temporary shelter.

PROP Q HAMPERS THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE NOW

The newly formed Dept. of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and experts are already working on addressing homeless encampments with legislation and outreach procedures. This policy sets in stone bad policy that was introduced without input from service providers.

1 NIGHT IN SHELTER WON'T WORK

While the initiative is named "Housing, Not Tents," there is **no housing** in the measure nor additional shelter beds. The only thing it does is give 24-hour notice to confiscate a tent and an offer of one night in shelter.

Unfortunately, **this is unworkable**. Let me break it down: You need TB clearance to get into a shelter, and results typically take three days. Additionally, you must be registered into the shelter system first.

But let's say someone is already in the system and cleared for TB. Shelters have a wait list of over 800 people. Navigation Centers are full. They could only get a bed if the City took it from someone else. This would mean that **elderly women and people with disabilities** would be on the streets.

A LOOK AT THE MONEY: UNFAIR CAMPAIGNS

$683,812 The massive amount of money funding the "Yes on Q" campaign comes from wealthy investors, including Sequoira Capital chairman Michael Moritz, tech angel investor Ron Conway, and hedge-fund investor William Oberndorf.

$5,500 On the other side, the opponents of Prop Q include countless homeless service providers, the SF Democratic Party, the San Francisco Labor Council, the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, and the Housing Rights Committee, among many others.

"Prop Q resolves nothing. It is a **false promise** to a city weary of **empty solutions** regarding the serious challenge of homelessness. Let's put our energy and resources into creating real housing opportunities for those on the street as Prop S does.
NO on Q, YES on S!"

MARK LENO, DEM. STATE SENATOR

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ISCO CHRONICLE

Prop R falsely promises to create neighborhood crime units, but only adds more bureaucracy—not any more foot patrol officers.

Instead, it takes 60 officers away from neighborhood stations to staff a new centralized unit. These officers will be dispatched to non-emergency 311 calls, sent to numerous recurring meetings, and required to coordinate with at least seven City departments.

This measure was put on the ballot without the consent of the Police Commission. It sets no standards for community policing or how to reform the department that still has much work to do to build relationships with our diverse communities—relationships that are central to neighborhood safety.

Prop R will NOT get people referred to shelters

Mandating police officers to respond to homelessness is counterproductive. According to the Budget and Legislative Analyst's Office, the City is spending **$20.6 million** criminalizing people forced to sleep on the streets. They suggest shifting these efforts away from police and towards other departments.

Criminalization does not end homelessness

San Francisco's homeless policy and the broader debate has been primarily focused on enforcement. Last year, the City gave out **27,000** citations to homeless folks, of which **14,000 were simply for resting**. We already have the highest number of anti-homeless laws in the state—**23**. Homelessness has only increased.

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Ghostlines: Writer's Corner

Proposition R would create a Neighborhood Crime Unit in San Francisco, that would likely result in police giving more citations to homeless folks for living on the street, further criminalizing the homeless community.

Prompt: Instead of a crime unit, how SHOULD the neighborhood stand together? Neighborhood Childcare Unit? Community Garden Collective? Neighborhood Artist Teams?

Ghostline: My neighborhood comes together to... "

"Prop R shows no understanding of policing and even less about compassionate strategies for contending with poverty. Moreover, the way this would play out in the police bureaucracy would, in my opinion, mean less attention to neighborhood issues."

RICHARD CORRIEA, RETIRED SFPD COMMANDER

Two dangerous ballot measures for affordable housing have been placed on the November ballot by the San Francisco Realtors Association. One claims it will "lower the costs" of building affordable housing. The other says it will create more affordable housing for "middle class families."

But neither measure creates a single unit of additional affordable housing. But they will take affordable housing away from the families that need it the most and gut the creation of affordable housing.

Prop U is a developer giveaway that takes away low-income housing.

The Realtor's measure will allow landlords to double the rents on vacated units, incentivizing landlords to evict lower income residents.

The measure **eliminates the City's requirement for developers to produce "inclusionary" housing** in their buildings affordable for low-income families. Instead, it allows them to market the units at double the current rent levels, up to 110% of area median income. This would apply retroactively for over 800 existing affordable housing units, potentially pricing low-income families out of apartments they currently live in.

Prop U pits middle-income and low-income San Franciscans against each other by forcing them to compete for the same housing. It is cynical, divisive, and not a solution for San Franciscans.

There is no new affordable housing offered. Instead, it forces people to fight over the same limited amount of housing.

Prop P Encourages shoddy instead of quality affordable housing. Prop P moves San Francisco away from the current practice of approving affordable housing proposals based on their ability not just to produce cheaper housing, but to work with tenants, communities, and the City on design, amenities, and services to create vibrant and healthy neighborhoods.

Benefits for-profit developers at the expense of those most in need. It opens put the door to for-profit developers who seek to build on city-owned land without a commitment to serving the formerly homeless, veterans, seniors, and those with disabilities.

Blocks the creation of new housing. Affordable housing could be stalled or blocked by the "bidding" procedures in the bill.

"As a resident of Below Market Rate rental housing, a single mother of two, a part time non-profit worker, native San Franciscan, and straight A city college student, I can say I would not have been able to accomplish anything without having been provided housing from a BMR building categorized for very low income (30% AMI). If Prop U passes, San Francisco will be perpetuating poverty and homelessness for people like me and my children who have ambition to by a home, get out of poverty, and ensure my children have a better life than I did."

JULIA D'ANTONIO
PEER ORGANIZER AT THE COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS

NO ON P & U

NO ON PROP O

Lennar is already years behind meeting its affordable housing commitments and offers no new affordable housing despite studies showing that an office workforce creates new demand for affordable housing. Prop O reduces its overall supply of such housing already committed. It fails to make new commitments for local employment or transit payments for its massive increase in developable space and refuses to set an actual time line on performance in meeting it's often promised "benefits" to the community.

Vote No to O until there is a real community process to evaluate impacts and approve plans: Prop G (2008) had a long community process to develop a land use plan and clear set of community benefits prior to voter approval. This significant shift in land use has had NO community process and should be delayed until 2018 so that voters can understand the impacts and intended outcomes to achieve real housing, jobs, transit, and environmental commitments.

What is Prop O?

Lennar Corporation, a developer, is proposing major changes to Proposition G, which was passed by voters in 2008 to roll back many prior commitments with their goal to get an exemption for 5 million square feet of new office development in the Hunters Point Shipyard from Proposition M, the annual office space limitation program established by voters in 1986 – a policy needed to achieve jobs and housing growth and guarantee impacts are addressed with new office growth.

The measure would more than double the amount of office space previously authorized for the project by voters in Prop G of June, 2008. The new Lennar initiative would also remove the location commitments for office development promised in the June 2008 Prop G which limited office space to only 150,000 s/f in Candlestick Point portion of the project and it would abandon any effort, promised in Prop G, to seek industrial or additional housing development for this additional space allocation.

Why No on O and Upholding Prop M (1986) is Important for Jobs

The tech office boom and the tens of thousands of new employees coming to San Francisco in the last 5 years is evidence we need to uphold the voter mandated goals of Prop M is more critical now than it was 30 years ago to address our transit, housing and city services. Studies indicate that one new worker is created for every 250 square foot of office space. A million square feet of new office space means 4,000 new workers and is needed to achieve a jobs and housing balance

SAY YES!

J

Together, Propositions J and K guarantee funding for two of San Francisco's most pressing issues: homelessness and transportation.

Props J and K will set aside **$50 MILLION TOWARDS HOMELESS HOUSING AND SERVICES** and $100 million towards transportation improvement annually. This will include:

$6.5 MILL for outreach & supportive services
$30 MILL to provide housing and rent subsidies
$13.5 MILL to help fully fund the Navigation Center system, which will assist 2,400 people per year

The funding for this will come from Prop K, which would increase sales tax. However, local residents only pay about half the sales tax, while the rest is paid for by visitors, tourists, and businesses buying from other businesses. San Francisco will still have a lower sales tax rate (9.25%) than many other Bay Area cities and counties.

K

PROP M

People are being forced out of San Francisco every day because there isn't enough affordable housing. At the same time that rents are skyrocketing, back room development decisions are favoring luxury condos over middle-class housing and jeopardizing the cultural and ethnic diversity of our city. Prop M will streamline the creation of affordable housing and bring more public participation oversight into these decisions to keep San Francisco affordable.

How it Works:

- Creates a 7 member Housing and Development Commission.Three commissioners will be appointed but he Mayor, three by the Board of Supervisors, and one by the City's Controller.
- All of the proceedings of the Commission will be conducted in public meetings.
- The Commission will oversee activities that are currently exclusively administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, creating greater accountability.
- The Commission will hold public hearings and open meetings to ensure that future decision-making is accountable to the public.
- Major development agreements that involve the City will be reviewed by the Commission before being approved but the Board of Supervisors.

Proposition C would expand the eligible uses from a 1992 seismic safety bond to include the rehabilitation of other "at-risk" multi-unit buildings, including "soft story" seismic retrofits and other fire, safety, and code upgrades. It would also allow non-profit affordable housing developers to acquire and convert them to permanently affordable housing.

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- There are no increased costs to voters.
- Expansion of the allowable uses to support acquisition and preservation of these buildings will free up almost $261 million in unallocated funding. There are at-risk residential buildings which will become eligible.
- Prop C is an urgent anti-displacement initiative, which will provide stability for tenants.

PROP C

COMIC BY JIM BELLER

THE VIEW FROM THE STREET

Helping us to reflect on the daily life of our streets, photographers offer one picture that represents their personal take on urban life.

About the artist: Christian Heeb, born 1962 in St.Gallen, Switzerland is known as a chronicler of America. Living in Bend, Oregon since 1996 as a internationally published artist and photographer. His recent fine art book "American Dreamscapes" is published by **Edition Panorama.** Christian Heeb is the owner operator of **the Cascade Center of Photography** in Bend, Oregon.

PHOTO: CHRISTIAN HEEB WWW.CHRISTIANHEEB.COM

About the photo: Wonder Woman, part of my American Dreamscapes, was shot recently here in Bend, Oregon. In the age of Trump, I wanted express my hope that the old, white male order is finally heading to the dust bin of history here in the USA. Women, I feel, do a better job leading and should be more in control of our political system as well as being in power positions in the corporate world. ■

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